

went alone. On entering the room I saw a crowd of men playing Pai-kau. I saw the 4th, 7th and 15th defendants there. These men were doing nothing when I first went in, but at 9 p.m. I saw them playing fan-tan. I also played at fan-tan. The 4th defendant dealt out the counters. I saw the 7th defendant walking about; and I saw the 15th defendant fanning people; the latter is a 'boy' there. I did not watch the game of Pai-kau. I sat down and played at fan-tan and I lost \$913 at that game. I saw people coming and going. There were traders, waiters, cooks, fish-hawkers &c. there. I was in the Club either on the Wednesday or the Thursday before this. I went about 8 p.m.; an outsider from the street dealt out the game. The receiver of the money is not in Court. The three I have already pointed out were there. I did not see any of the defendants except the three mentioned on any occasion. I don't know either the 21st or the 23rd defendant. Chi Teon Tso who first took me to the Club is now in Canton. By Mr. Caldwell—I went from the Yuen Lok Club to the Kin On Club in Cochrane Street. I lost \$85 at the Kin On and I bought things to eat with the remaining \$2. No one has spoken to me about how I should give my evidence.

Chi Kai, third clerk at the magistracy, having been shown certain books that were taken by the Police from the Club, said: "The books I hold are account books. The first is a book containing money advances. No names are given, but figures such as 1, 2, 3, 4 and so on. The second and third books are about new in Canton. The fourth book is a book of winnings marked in the same way as the others and it began in the 4th Moon of last year and ended in the 9th moon. The fifth book is a shareholder's book and contains the names of all the members, who are all shareholders. There are 29 names. There is a profane about the Club, which was founded in 23rd Aug., 1887. In the second book I see the words 'Tan To', which mean gains derived from fan-tan.

At this stage his Worship remanded the case for the translation of all the books found.

The other case, that of the Kin On Club in Cochrane Street, came before his Worship in the afternoon. Dr. Ho Kai appeared on behalf of seven of the defendants, and Mr. Ho Wynn appeared for the other four.

Dr. Ho Kai said he understood that no further evidence was to be put forward for the prosecution, and as no case had been made out, he applied for the discharge of the prisoners.

His Worship discharged all the prisoners in this case.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr. A. G. Leach, Acting Puisne Judge.)
Wednesday, Sept. 5.

PENG WA CHUN AND OTHERS v. TAM CHUN AND TAM LIN TAI.

This is a claim for the amount sued for being \$160. Dr. Ho Kai, instructed by Mr. Ho Wynn, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Wilkinson for the defendants. Dr. Ho Kai said the claim was for two months' rent in respect of the house No. 35 Bonham Strand, which was occupied by the defendants in May last, certain of the property situated in Bonham Strand and consisting of ten houses was sold by the Registrar under an order of the Court and the plaintiffs became the purchasers. The transfer of the property was effected on 13th June last. Before that time the Registrar had sent a notice to the tenants to pay rent to the new owners, and on the same day the plaintiffs who were then absolute owners of the property also sent a notice to the defendants who were living in No. 35, one of the houses in question, to the effect that \$80 per month would be the rent for the house. The defendants had then possession of the house as their family house. The rent charged was the same as was paid for most of the other houses, some of them paying a higher rent. After receiving the notice referred to, the defendants continued to occupy the house but had not paid any rent.

Mr. Wilkinson said the defence was that the defendants were not in occupation of the house after 13th June.

Fung Wa Chun, one of the plaintiffs, said—On 13th June I completed the purchase of certain property in Bonham Strand consisting of ten houses, of which No. 35 is one. The house was occupied by the family of Tam Kwong Yau. That is the family name of the late Tam Choi. I knew who were living there then. Tam Lin Tai and Tam Chun, the two defendants and others were there. I went to the place at the time of the auction, on the 13th May. I saw Tam Chun and Tam Lin Tai personally there. I visited the property again four or five days after the completion of the purchase. I saw Tam Chun in the house then. I spoke to him about the rent and he said he did not want to pay it. I said he could do as he liked, but if he left the house he must get me a receipt. He said the old man got it. I told him what the notice was. Then he said it was going to charge \$80 a month he should leave. I have had no communication from anyone with reference to this notice.

A. G. Wise, Acting Registrar, said—I received the notice from Mr. Ho Kai and the administrator for the sale of the property in Bonham Strand under an order of the Court. Before the sale I gave instructions that all rents due should be payable to me up to 13th June. On the completion of the sale I gave instructions to the Registrar that the tenants should pay rent to me up to the 13th and afterwards to the new purchasers. After the completion of the sale I sent a man round to point out the new purchasers to the tenants. I did not receive rent from all the tenants. One of the houses was occupied rent free by members of the family and it is quite possible as regards that house that the same notice was not given as in the case of the other. I was responsible for repairs to this estate generally.

From the evidence of the head-cook, who was sent round to collect the rent, it appeared that he did not give the notice to the occupants of No. 35 that he gave to the other tenants.

Mr. Wilkinson said he thought there was no evidence whatever against the defendant, Tam Lin Tai, and as regarded the second defendant he must ask for an adjournment. The Court being unable to appoint a day for evidence, he having been arrested in Chinese territory.

His Lordship said he would adjourn the case sine die. His present impression was, however, that the plaintiffs had not ascertained with sufficient accuracy whom they ought to sue.

RIOTING AT CHUNGKING.

Time was when Schuchow had a reputation for quiet and peaceable people well-governed by able and energetic officials. The riots of two years ago seemed to disprove this, and I am sorry to be called on to relate more in the same line. A short time ago word came down from Tzu-tai Heien, about 100 miles north-west of here, that a Catholic place of worship had been destroyed. At first I thought it was a reliable account of the affair have just come to hand, and I hasten to lay them before your readers.

Within the borders of the district of Tzu-tai Heien is the large village of Sung Shui Chen. During the riot two years ago the Catholic buildings were destroyed. This year their place of worship was being rebuilt and was almost under cover when an unfortunate accident occurred. A workman either fell from the building, or was injured by something falling on him. The accounts do not agree. He was kept in the hospital and given medical attendance, but in spite of all that could be done, died after a few days. 20,000 cash were given his family to pay the expenses of the funeral, but a younger brother spent the money and bought a coffin. It happened about the time that two guilds held their meetings there on the 20th and 21st inst. and this younger brother circulated rumours among the crowd to the effect that the dead man had been killed and his eyes taken out. Thereupon the crowd burst into the place, and there lay the corpse as evidence of the truth of the story.

The building in process of erection, and over twenty others belonging to private Catholics were destroyed—some by private Catholics here. The affair occurred on July 27th. No foreigners lived there, and as at the time the case came a Weiyuan was sent to inquire into the matter, and the Chungking Tzu-tai Heien is having proclamations printed for wide distribution, calling attention to the privilege to build given the foreigners by treaty, and warning people against the repetition of like attempts. At the same time the Weiyuan was sent to inquire into the matter, and the Chungking Tzu-tai Heien is having proclamations printed for wide distribution, calling attention to the privilege to build given the foreigners by treaty, and warning people against the repetition of like attempts.

A missionary of the China Inland Mission has recently been the victim of a similar persecution. At Wanchow, a city on the Yangtze about midway between Ichang and Chungking. The Inland Mission attempted to open the place as a station nearly three years ago, but owing to threats against their landlady, it was temporarily abandoned. Recently a missionary of the Church of England, one of their mission stations in this province succeeded in renting a dwelling and soon after a preaching 'shop'. For a fortnight all was quiet, when suddenly a score of beggars came in a body and took up their quarters in the 'shop'. The next day as many more came. An appeal was made to the magistrate, who sent runners to clear the place but no sooner were the runners gone than the beggars returned to their former quarters. Evidently the 'beggars had come to town, and some to stay. It seems the Inland Mission, who have been here for some time, now have your opportunity. The afflicted missionary was having a very striking illustration of the text, 'The poor ye have always with you.' He has recently come up to Chungking and reported the matter to the Chinese authorities, who had it before the Tzu-tai Heien, who promises that the matter shall be attended to. The newly appointed Magistrate for Wan-hsien happens to be stopping here on his way down from Chentu, and will doubtless have with due instructions.

Persecutions for higher and lower officials have been frequent here during the last fortnight, threatening dire vengeance on the anonymous posters of placards. A reward of twenty taels has been offered for the detection of an offender, but none has yet been arrested. The conduct of the officials is in marked contrast to that of two years ago, when the most incendiary placards received little or no attention. The Yangtze was said to be higher about the close of July than it has been before for 18 years. Considerable property was destroyed here and at points up the river, and some lives lost. We are now in the midst of the rice harvest, which is not doing an exceptionally good one. This makes three good seasons in succession and the people are preparing for the thanksgiving offerings to the Pearly Emperor for his favours.—N. C. Daily News.

THE ATTACK ON THE OFFICERS OF THE PEKING.

Wuhu 23rd Aug.

The following account of the attack on the officers of the Peking gives some particulars additional to those already published. A thief was caught on the 22nd of yesterday morning, and as this was only one of many cases of a similar nature, the Captain of the steamer decided to take the man to Shanghai, and have him tried at the Mixed Court and accordingly looked the man up on board. The consequences of the theft, forming a very powerful body because so increased at that time, when the quartermaster of the Peking was sent on shore to clear the vessel, he was attacked by some of the band and had to be a retreat to his vessel. The second officer was then sent in a ship's boat and to avoid the strong current, he begged the shore when the gig was suddenly drawn in by long boat-hooks and the officer attacked with swords and daggers by a large crowd. This occurred about 8.30 a.m. at a spot just below the new Custom House. The officer fought manfully and succeeded in wounding a cut-throat among one of his opponents and with it keeping the crowd back, but before he had received two deep cuts across the forehead. Fortunately the fight was witnessed by Mr. Gregory from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. hulk, and the Customs officer on duty on board the hulk put off in a sampan in the officer's assistance and it was, no doubt, greatly owing to their arrival that the crowd gave way. The Consul immediately called upon the Tzu-tai to interfere, and at about 2 p.m. a detachment of troops proceeded on board the Peking and brought the chief on shore—a prisoner—and it is reported that several arrests have been made of people living near the scene of the attack. A gunboat was at once applied for by the Consul and that official has, in every way, done all that could be done and acted in a most energetic manner throughout, and it is to be hoped that the coming of the arrival of a gunboat will have the effect of driving out of this port a band of the most determined robbers, which is well organized secret society feared by officials and people.

It seems incredible that a foreigner coming on shore in a steamer's gig should be so fully and brazenly dragged to the bottom of the river and half murdered. The agents of the different steamboat companies, by united and determined action, greatly assist the Consul in his endeavours to bring all offenders before the proper authorities for punishment. Their efforts, they will have gained the gratitude of not only foreign residents but, to a far greater extent, of the enormous number of peaceful citizens of this empire travelling to and fro daily.

THE NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

ESCAPE OF BLOCKADED VESSELS.

On board H.M.S. *Heracles*, Bantay Bay, 4th Sept.—The Battle of Bantay Bay was fought last night, with the result, so far as we can judge, of breaking the blockade, freeing the *Iris*, *Severn*, and *Wasp* to prey upon English commerce, and sending our wholen blockade scurrying eastward in search of them. The fleet had finished coaling, and our boats had all been hoisted on board before dawn, the huge vessel netting that surrounds the hull of each iron-clad to protect it from torpedoes was drawn up, and the boats were secured by being painted black from funnel to below the water-line. Dinnies passed as usual, but afterwards, instead of repairing to the smoking-room, the officers hurried to their cabins, and dressed for night work. The nine o'clock alarm woke the echoes of the doleful notes of the *Wasp*, and the *Iris* and *Severn* followed her lead, and they made ready to steam into the dark. We were an hour getting our head about, and it was 10 o'clock before we were off in the direction of the eastern entrance. The *Iris*, *Severn*, and *Wasp* were meanwhile steaming out at the western exit with a scattering party of torpedo boats to follow them. These I cannot follow, for I must remain with the flag-ship, which, at twenty minutes past ten, had a narrow escape from collision with the *Ajazz*. Right behind us, moving with us out towards the bay, the great *Severn* was only a few miles off, and had ordered our engines hard astern, and the movement had evidently not been followed by our consort. Nearer and nearer came these two great ships, until, with a feeling of intense relief, we noted that the approach grew slower and slower, and finally, when I could have sworn we were upon her, the *Ajazz* fell back and we moved on our way. The *Argent* was soon under our port bow; we passed close to her, for she was the anchored guardian of our Eastern entrance. All lights on board were jealously concealed; the signal house was draped in black, and the only light to be seen was the light of the searchlight, which was used only by raising its canvas cover carefully and taking a furtive peep. The guns were ready for action; every fighting man was at his station. Dark groups lurked behind coils of rope, and in all the corners of 'vantage' the bridge was crowded with men with their eyes alert for responsibility heavy upon them, for we were steering into the midst of the enemy without a light to guide us, with nothing to warn us of danger, and with the risks that naturally attend manoeuvring a fleet of ironclads in narrow waters, and such darkness that the *Ajazz* could scarcely see another. Suddenly our great guns on the port side were fired at something which no one could see; but in five minutes we had a definite target, for a little silver streak on the blackness of the water told us that a torpedo boat was after us. Fire into torpedoes! said our captain, and quick order from the Admiral, and the answer came in a blaze of small arms and machine and Hotchkiss rapid-firing guns, until we heard the whistle of the enemy as the signal that she had fired, and immediately afterwards a flameless light told us from which point she had fired, and another at the head of the torpedo indicated where the missile went—namely, a few yards astern of us. The aim was very creditable, but our speed was miscalculated; and we were steaming twelve knots, and the enemy evidently thought we were only going six. The black little craft was evidently satisfied that her errand had failed, for she steamed up on our port side, shouldered to us something that was unintelligible, and rapidly sheared off towards Sheeps Head.

Meanwhile heavy firing was going on, such gun shaking the old *Heracles* from stern to stem and covering us with smoke and powder until the bridge could not be seen from the poop. We were near Sheeps Head, close to the south shore, and could note the line of the enemy from the signals they were constantly making one to the other by rockets and ship's lights, no ships, of course, being visible, except when a great gun flashed a flameless light, and powder until the bridge could not be seen from the poop. We were near Sheeps Head, close to the south shore, and could note the line of the enemy from the signals they were constantly making one to the other by rockets and ship's lights, no ships, of course, being visible, except when a great gun flashed a flameless light, and powder until the bridge could not be seen from the poop. 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